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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of CIA Subcommittees of Senate Armed Services  
and Senate Appropriations Committees - Thursday,  
12 April 1962

1. The Director met with the joint CIA Subcommittees of Senate Armed Services and Senate Appropriations for approximately two hours beginning at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, 12 April 1962. Present from the Subcommittees were: Senators Russell, Hayden, Stennis, Young and, for a short period, Chavez. William Darden, staff member, was present. Present from the Agency were:

John A. McCone  
Huntington Sheldon  
Herbert Scoville, Jr.

Arthur C. Lundahl  
Desmond Fitzgerald  
John S. Warner

No transcript was taken but there was a technical sweep of the room. Two security guards were on duty.

2. The DCI opened the briefing with a discussion of the organizational changes within the Agency, discussing these for approximately 25 minutes. He touched on the major items such as: (a) concept of the DDCI as the Executive and General Manager; (b) proposed Deputy Director for Coordination; (c) establishment of an Executive Director as a chief of staff; (d) Comptroller and General Counsel placed where they are directly responsible to the Director; (e) the establishment of a Budget and Review Committee under the chairmanship of the Comptroller and placing of the Audit function

under the over-all supervision of the Inspector General; (f) establishment of a Deputy Director for Research to deal with all aspects of scientific collection and to bring together all scientific talents previously dispersed in several parts of the Agency; (g) appointment of Mr. Helms as the Deputy Director for Plans which is the clandestine services and returning its function to one of collection of intelligence by the more traditional efforts of humans; establishment of an Assistant Director for Paramilitary and Air Support; appointment of Mr. Karamessines as a deputy to Mr. Helms; (h) some rearrangements in the DD/I which will strengthen this function which is closely related to our statutory responsibility for correlation, analysis and dissemination. Senator Russell commented that these changes appeared sound to him.

3. The question was raised concerning our covert operations. It was pointed out that these were thoroughly reviewed weekly in a group composed of General Taylor, Mr. Gilpatric from Defense, and Mr. Alexis Johnson from State, and the Director of Central Intelligence and where matters were deemed appropriate they were then taken to the President.

4. Senator Young asked the size of the Agency staff in the United States and when told that this was about [ ] he commented that it was hard to see what these people were doing and he thought we were too big. The Director commented on some of our activities such as translation of foreign documents, FBIS, its volume job, etc. He indicated that the total personnel of about [ ] had been relatively constant for about five years. He further indicated that he had not had sufficient time to look into the personnel question in depth but this was to be done. Russell generally agreed with Senator Young that he thought possibly the Agency was still too large even though he had visited the Agency and was impressed with the multiple tasks assigned to us.

5. Mr. Lundahl was then called on to give a briefing of activities since the last briefing of the Subcommittee on 8 February. He gave a very detailed briefing, giving the number of satellite shots and total square miles of coverage from the start of the program in August 1960 until the most recent shot in March of 1962 indicating that we now have [ ] coverage of the USSR. He indicated that on [ ]

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per ICBM site. Lundahl touched on the possible anti-missile missile developments posing the potential threat of intercepting U. S. satellites. Mr. McCone added at this point that there was increasing collateral evidence on the anti-missile missile developments which, of course, could be extended to possible anti-satellite operations. Mr. McCone emphasized the important psychological effect of a single operational deployment by the Soviets of anti-missile missile weapons system. Senators Russell and Stennis showed great interest in some of the techniques of the Discoverer satellite [REDACTED] 25X1

25X1 [REDACTED] Lundahl then discussed U-2 flights over Communist China and exhibited various photographs indicating no evidence of nuclear weapons or ICBM sites. He did point out the missile test center. He showed photographs of shipyards and air fields. Lundahl continued showing some U-2 pictures of North Vietnam and Cuba. It was pointed out that North Vietnam and Cuba flights were generally flown about twice a month to keep up to date. It was mentioned that it was clear that the Soviets were flying supplies into Laos and North Vietnam and the presence of Russian tanks in Laos was noted. [REDACTED] 25X1

[REDACTED] Mr. McCone mentioned that the group of Taylor-Gilpatric-Johnson considered such items as the China overflights among others.

6. Senator Russell again expressed his lack of knowledge of what NSA did, asking what is the line of demarcation between NSA and CIA. He stated he had never heard of any NSA results. Mr. McCone explained the COMINT and ELINT missions and that it was part of the Department of Defense with oversight from Assistant Secretary of Defense Ruble. Even after some explanation, Senator Russell said he could not see the difference between Agency and NSA functions and indicated he thought there was a great deal of duplication and he felt this duplication also occurred as between monitoring stations of the three Services. In fact, he turned to Senator Hayden and suggested that since Hayden gave them so much money the two of them should be more fully briefed. Mr. McCone said he would be glad to arrange such a briefing and Russell stated he would like this very much. (Mr. Sheldon advised later that he would consider this question and take it up with the DCI.)

7. Mr. Fitzgerald then gave a briefing on the situation in Laos and North Vietnam including a briefing on CIA activities in the area. He developed in some detail the CIA support of the Meo tribe indicating we were now supplying approximately 12,500 Meos with arms, supplies and communications equipment.

8. Cuba was then discussed and indications of CIA activities with regard to Cuba. There was considerable discussion of the political bickering of the different Cuban refugee groups and the difficulties this caused. Senator Stennis asked about missile sites in Cuba and this was answered in the negative.

9. Senator Stennis referred to General Walker's testimony in which he stated that Walt Rostow had been in real command of CIA for many years. Mr. McCone stated he had never been employed by the Agency. Senator Stennis quickly added he was merely raising this in jest although he had press queries on whether he was going to look into this charge.

10. Dr. Scoville then briefed on the OXCART program showing two pictures. He discussed some of the difficulties particularly the tank leaks mentioning the extreme temperature of 450 to 600 degrees to be encountered. The speed and altitude capabilities were mentioned. Dr. Scoville stated that ten Air Force pilots had been selected and were beginning their training but that two Lockheed pilots would actually do the test flights. Dr. Scoville stated he hoped to have five vehicles at the end of 1962 and also hoped for an initial operational capability by the summer of 1963. Dr. Scoville discussed the latest two Soviet satellites indicating they had been launched from Kapustin Yar which was the first time satellites had been launched from this range. He indicated analysis to date would tend to establish that these were not reconnaissance satellites. The question was raised concerning efforts

25X1 [REDACTED] It was indicated there was no evidence of missile attacks but there were efforts at fighter intercept with many aircraft being scrambled on some flights. It was stated that the Communist Chinese had made no protest. Dr. Scoville then went over the schedule of the various satellite shots and their general nature.

11. The briefing concluded at 12:45 p.m. Certainly the Senators present seemed extremely interested in the briefing and asked many questions to gain a better understanding of the various items.

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